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Amendment and Response

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2001 in the above-identified application.

Amendments

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3 and 10-22 as follows:

3. (Amended) The process of claim 21 wherein the step d) of leaching the sulfated material further comprises:

- ← d1) reacting the sulfated material with water for a period of time, and under temperature and pressure conditions sufficient to generate said aqueous solution comprising the one or more other solubilized metal values; and
- d2) filtering said aqueous solution comprising the one or more other solubilized metal values to separate remaining material solids from said aqueous solution.

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Claim 10. (Amended) A process for selectively extracting scandium values from a source material which includes solubilizable scandium values, the process comprising the steps of: